

## ABSTRACT

Title: A Supplemental Orientation Program For Student Veterans

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The purpose of this creative project was to create a supplemental orientation program specifically for student veterans at higher education institutions. Through the orientation program, students would be able to have a more hands-on experience to the resources available such as the Scholarships and Financial Aid office, academic advising, the Career Center, and the Counseling Center, among many others. The orientation program would be a supplemental, three-part orientation program to the already existing orientation program done by the Office of Orientation. Providing the opportunity for students to have more one-on-one connection with different offices on campus allows for students to be more connected to the campus, and utilize the resources to their benefit.

Student veterans often are unaware or not confident in utilizing resources that are offered to them on campus, and sometimes are unable to complete a degree due to these struggles. By providing an online orientation program prior to the summer orientation program, students are introduced with the resources available before stepping on campus. After the initial on-campus orientation program, student veterans would attend an orientation program the weekend before fall semester classes begin, with individuals that would serve as contacts from the various offices on campus to have a one-on-one

interaction with them and learn what is available. Also during this supplemental orientation program, students would be able to connect and network with other student veterans to create a community of support for these students.